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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

Radio commentators are giving voice to a "disappointment" in the news budget issued by the Big Three that nothing was mentioned of Russia's entrance into the war against Japan. The commentators, so far as this column is concerned are voicing their own disappointment, and probably not that of even a majority of the American people.

As a matter of fact, if this country gives Japan the walloping it so richly deserves at our hands, with some minor assistance from the British, we will come out of the world conflict with much more prestige than would be the case were Russia to give us an "assist". A good many people may conclude that we can get along without more prestige than that already earned in Europe. We probably could, but on the other hand a victory gained over Japan, singled handed with only minor aid from the British, will probably so well establish our prowess that we shall never again be offered such an affront as Pearl Harbor. If prestige is a good thing in world politics, and we think it is when soundly established, let us have plenty of it.

What a good many American fathers and mothers are thinking is that, if the Russians would enter the fight against Japan, it might save the lives of thousands of American boys. Russian fathers and mothers are very likely thinking along those lines also and it will be perfectly understandable if Stalin hesitates to impose further sacrifices on a nation whch the Germans had already bled white.

We are not sure that the final assault on Japan will be as heavily fraught with bloodshed as a good many fear. There are indications nothing very certain to be sure, that the Japs have very few arrows left for their bows. They brag a good deal of what they will do to our invaders, but they surely would do something to stave off an invasion if they could, and they are not doing it. The suspicion grows that the Japs are running out of gasoline. The worse the situation gets the more the Japs brag about what they will do, and the less they actually do. Pitting school boys and old people, as is promised, against the Yanks is of course the rankest kind of nonsense, and one wonders what the Jap people themselves think of such tommyrot.

A good many people, taking the long view, think it would be far better for this country to win the war against the Japs than to call for help on the part of Russia. Their thought trend is that along their western boundaries the Russians have claimed and gotten a good many benefits as victors. They are running the show in the Balkans, along the Baltic and in Poland, and we Americans generally have not been too concerned about it. But supposing they came in the war against Japan and after the war was over put in a claim for a large part of Manchuria, all of Korea, and the strategic islands off the Siberian coast that they might take a fancy too. Just supposing.

We are not trying to raise bugaboos here, but our immediate experience is that Russia does a good job fighting, but expects and even demands to get some kind of reward for it. We don't ask any reward in the way of teritorial gains save a few strategic spots where we can land and take off, in case world war should threaeen again. But Russia intends to get paid and stands ready to collect, if that should be necessary.

So we venture to suggest that in the long run it will be far better for us to finish this war against Japan without Russian help. In fact we think it rather late in the day for Russia to declare herself in. The war is drawing to a close swiftly. We doubt if a declaration of war now by Russia would be much more than a gesture anyway, and, she might want a very large price for making the gesture.

We don't think there is the least likelihood of war with Russia in the next hundred years. But neither do we think there will be an earthquake in the century to come. Still a good many people, especially along the Pacific Coast carry earthquake insurance.

'ROUND THE STATE

By Leone Baxter

U. S. Senatorship

Uncovered at Sacramento by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan is news nearly three decades old—with a very up to date angle.

Geo. S. Patton of San Marino, father of the current news making general, ran for U. S. senator from California during the first World War. His republican opponent was Hiram Johnson, making flaming headlines then, a weary, broken warrior now. Fillip: Revered State Secretary Frank C. Jorhan, father of the present popular Secretary, backed Patton.

Gal Gremlins

Army report has it that the good little gremlin who takes care of flyers instead of badgering them into tailspins, is to be honored by the brand new "Order of Finnella." Perpetuating the name of the airy fairy feminine gremlin will be former WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) now "deactivated."

Miracle

Desperate for machinery, Strapped for workers. Taxed to keep step with government orders. Straining to meet phenomenal food demands. That's a thumbnail photo of the California farmer.

Yet he outproduced all others last year. And with the eyes of a hungry world on him, he intends to repeat in '45. Nothing is expected but a miracle" points out Ralph Taylor of the Agricultural Council. "With enough help from on high perhaps we can produce that, too."

Summer Fury

Racial antagonisms, boiling up out of wartime strains and stresses here are arousing the drama critics as well as the socio economists. The young California playwright. James Broughton, nephew of former Assemblywoman Esta Broughton of Modesto, loosed some lightning shafts when he based his newest play "Summer Fury" on L.A.'s famous Sleepy Lagoon case. Now, with an August 4 opening at Palo Alto the piece has pitched onto the 1945 Alden award.

Di Mag

Sports fans who really know Joe DiMaggio, S. F. boy who made good with the Yankees are hoping the gossips will still their tongues should Joe be mustered out of the army soon. It won't be because he's a big league ball player—but because he can't do full army duty eat K rations and stay out of the hospital, says sport mentar Bill Leiser, who's checked the record.

Worldwide Weekend

It's been said before—but it still startles a homebody into a travel trance: After the war no spot on this globe will be more than a day and two nights away from California by air.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralston Honored at Party

A pot luck supper and program was held at the Methodist Church parlors Friday evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ralston, who leave soon to take charge of the Methodist Church in Newcastle.

After a bounteous supper which was enjoyed by over a hunored people who had gathered to greet the Ralstons. Carl Murchie was chairman of the evening.

Major Salisbury of the Salvation Army and Rev. Jesse Rudkin of the Methodist Church in Grass Valley gave short talks.

The following musical program, which was arranged by Lloyd Geist was then given. Mrs. Campbell, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Vance, solo; Mrs. Brown, piano solo; Mrs. Joe Day, accompanied by Marille Day, duet; Donna Underwood, piano solo.

Mrs. Price presented the Ralstons with a gift in behalf of the church. Responses were given by both Rev. and Mrs. Ralston. Mrs. Ralston wore an orchid corsage which was a gift of the ladies of the church.

George Kagerer who has been home on sick leave, has returned to his work at the Kaiser Ship Yards in Richmond.

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY TO FACE MURDER TRIAL

AUBURN, Aug. 6—A formal charge of murder has been placed against Glen Brazell, 16 year old student at the C. K. McClatchy high school in Sacramento, who was arrested at Colfax last Thursday night for questioning in connection with the death of Fred M. Kane, 54, Southern Pacific worker, on June 2.

The warrant of arrest was issued in Colfax by Justice of the Peace John Dittemore on a complaint sworn to by Charles Silva, complaint was drawn up by C. E. Tindall, district attorney of Placer county.

Decison to charge the youth with murder was made after two interrogations by Tindall. Silva and Deputy Sheriff E. J. Kenison. After studying the transscript of the statements made by the youth, the officers considered the killing murder.

Because of the youth of the accused, the case was referred to the juvenile court by Justice Dittemore.

There it will be considered by Judge Lowell L. Sparks who can either dispose of it in the junevile court or turn it back to the superior court of Placer County.

It is considered improbable any disposition will be made before the end of court vacation in September.

The case broke suddenly when Brazell, enroute to St. Joseph, Mo., stepped from the stage to enter a restaurant where he had been with Kane at an early morning hour on June 2. Miss Mary Howard, an employee of the restaurant, recognized him, and notified John Kauffman, the proprietor.

Kauffman called Walter Viscia, chief of police, who held the boy for identification by Matt Kelcher, Constable J. M. McCleary then took him to Auburn.

In the first questioning by Tindall and Kenison, the youth said he struck Kane only with his fists, he struck Kane and hit him with a stick some time after daybreak June 2, as the boy was about to leave, after sleeping several hours with Kane.

He denied robbing Kane of $4, known to have been in Kane's possession when he left Colfax.

He said he had accepted Kane's invitation to sleep at Kane's cabin several miles from Colfax.

In his second conference with Tindall and Sheriff Silva, he admitted robbing Kane and striking him across the ribs with a club. He contended Kane had made an improper advance, which he resented.

Brazell told officers he did not know Kane had been killed.

"If I had known he was dead, I would not have got off the stage at Colfax," he said.

He got off the stage for a bite to eat when it stopped.

He was enroute to St. Joseph after being held at the juvenile detention home in Sacramento since June 12. He had been certified to Sacrameneo County by Nevada County after being accused of robbing a carnival worker in Grass Valley early in June.

Brazell says he went to Sacramento after leaving Kane's cabin and then proceeded to Grass Valley where he was arrested.

Brazell lived at 1813 1-2 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. His mother has been ill for some time. His grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Kall of Sacrameneo visited him at the jail Saturday.

In the presence of officers she urged him to "tell the truth" and take the consequences.

Zeibright School Annexed to N. C. Dist.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors has lapsed that portion of the Zeibright School District lying in this county and has annexed it to the Nevada City Unified School District.

The school was established when the Zeibright Mine was re-opened several years ago by Newmont interests, was closed when the mine shut down in 1942. Most of the school children formerly resided in Placer County, with the bulk of the assessible property in Nevada County. The school house is just across the line in Placer County. The Placer County supervisors have not yet acted in the matter.

JAP SUICIDE PILOT DESTROYS ABANDONED SHIP

TREASURE ISLAND, Aug. 6—Thanks to a Jap suicide pilot, a navy demolition crew has been spared a job off the shores of Okinawa.

The story of how a Nip airman dived his explosive laden plane into a beached and abandoned landing ship which previously had been damaged by a mine, was revealed here by survivors off the craft who paused at Treasure Island Receiving Ship Barracks prior to entraining for home on well deserved "survivor" leaves.

Among the members of the crew from the Twelfth Naval District who checked in at Treasure Island are:

Armando Ferdinand Casillas, Pharmacist's Mate, First Class, US NR, 32 Octavia Street, San Rafael.

Ralph Gutirrez, Motor Machinists Mate, Third Class, USNR, 8831 Tejon Street, Denver.

Melvin Russell Ness, Coxswain, USNR, 2061 Front View Crescent, Denver.

Benny Felix Vega, Seaman, First Class, USNR, 950 South Front St., Cutler, California.

The crewmen, who were watching from a nearby atoll, related how the Jap lilot spotted the abandoned ship as it lay completely stripped and piled up on an underwater reef.

"That Jap evidently though he had spotted an anchared and unprotected vessel." one survivor asserted. "He peeled off in a perfect dive—ship, plane and pilot went skyhigh."

"I'll bet his face was plenty red when he got the full dope from his ancestors."

The landing craft was damaged originally by an enemy mine near the close of the Okinawa campaign after it had put in three weeks of sterling work assisting in the bombardment of the enemy shore installations. To eliminate a navigation menace the craft was beached on the reef.

Subsequent investigation revealed the vessel unseaworthy for a long trip back to repair yards and it was stripped of all valuable material and abandoned.

Two days later the Jap airman piloted his plane into the denuded hull, thus sparing a demolition squad the ask of destroying it.

Survivors of the ship remained on their atoll for three weeks prior to being sent home. During that time they cleared the beach of debris and aided in construction work.

Their ship, commissioned a year ago, previously had participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Home Improvement Limit Raised to $1000

Those long deferred jobs of painting, repairing, improving, enlargind or modernizing of homes and many other properties are to be much simpler and easier to undertake from now on, under the relaxed regulations of government agencies governing priorities and financing.

Manager Horace Curnow of the Nevada Ciey branch of the Bank of America has been notified that restrictions have been modified on such work, permitting expenditure up to five times the former maximum amoones.

In the case of homes, where only $200 worth of improvement was permitted formerly, the limit has been raised to $1000 worth of materials, articles and services, without War Production Board approval or priorities. The relaxed rules now allow the installation of additional articles as air conditioning systems, furnaces and heating units, lighting fixtures, plumbing and sanitary fixturs, water heaterr and water pumps. Where the project is financed by the bank through an FHA title I loan the repayment term has been extended to a maximum of 18 months on amounts up to $1500; no down payment required.

The limit on property improvements on farms, hotels or apartment buildngs, formerly $1000 is now $5000, and on factories the increase is from $5000 to $25,000. On projects to cost $1501 to $2500 the repayment term is up to 36 months.

MONEY READY FOR FOREST HILL ACCESS ROAD

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of Tahoe national forest, announced yesterday that $50,200 has been approved for the construction of the Forest Hill timber access road in Placer County.

He stated that the funds are available now and that the Public Road Administration has sent an engineer here to organize the job for construction by PRA forces.

Rotary Governor Visits Grass Valley Club

J. Ronan Shannon, governor of the 105th Rotary International District, comprising 53 clubs in Northern California and Nevada, was the guest of the Grass Valley Rotary Club at luncheon today.

Shannon owns and operates a printing plant in Redding, Shasta County, and is a member of long standing in the Redding club.

He is one of 141 governors of Rotary who supervise the activities of 5400 clubs organized in 14 North and South American states, Australia, China, England, Finland, Guam, Iceland, India, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Syria, and Union of South Africa.

Mother of Mrs. Deeter Passes in London

Mrs. Harold Deeeer of Glenwood has received a cablegram from London, England, stating that her mother, Mrs. Florence M. Griffeth had died there. The message was from her faeher, Harry D. Griffeth, for many years a mining engineer in South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffeth visited their daughter and her husband in Glenwood in 1939, coming from England by way of the Panama Canal and returning via Canada at the outbreak of war with Germany.

Forest Worker Suffers Stroke of Paralysis

William Sadlier, forest road worker, who arrested by Nevada City police Saturday night charged with being intoxicated on the streets, and lodged in jail, is today recovering from a stroke of paralysis affecting his left side, in a local hospital.

Police state that Sadlier had been drinking and that the stroke of paralysis came apparently while he was suffering from too much alcohol. Sadlier had been employed for six weeks in the Downieville ranger district prior to his illness.

To Enforce Grass Valley Traffic Ordinance

Overtime parking tags will be issued to drivers who violate the provision of the city traffic ordinance, on and after August 6th, Chief of Police Ben Jenkins announces.

The chief commented that cars parked on Mill, Main and Church Streets, in the morning, are often found in the same spot in the afternoon. Other provisions of the traffic ordinance, the chief stated, regarding double parking, parking in yellow zones, near cross walks and intersections, will also be enforced.

Last Rites Said for Mrs. Elizabeth Hammill

Last rites were said for Mrs. Elizabeth Hammill Saturday afternoon in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary. Rev. Jesse Rudkin conducted the seervice. Interment was in the Redmens Cemetery.

Mrs. Hammill died Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Bennallack, at the Empire Mine, following a two day illness. She was born 89 years ago in El Dorado County, but lived most of her life in Grass Valley. Another daughter, Mrs. Maggie Fawcett, also of Grass Valley, survives.

Victim of Highway Crash Sues for $25,000

Miss Marguerite B. Renkel, secretary of the Los Angeles Board of Education, has filed suit against Anrea Armati, fuel dealer of Truckee, seeking damages of $25,000, and $150 per month while she is unable to work, as a result of injuries she suffered in an auto collision July 17th on the road to Lake Tahoe. Miss Runkel is at present in a Reno, Nevada, hospital.

WAR SHIFT PUTS BIG JOB UP TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 6—The changing tide of military personnel from Europe to the Pacific through the United States following Germany's capitulation has increased the tempo of the Red Cross Camp Service program throughout the country, according to Chairman Basil O'Connor of the American Red Cross.

"Servicemen returning under the army's redeployment program and the point system, and following liberation from prisoner of war camps, impress a double responsibiliey on the Red Cross—that of maintaining its regular services in this country, and providing new and added services for the post VE influx." Chairman O'Connor said.

O'Connor estimated a budget of $200,000 a month for domestic camp service to cover the cost of assistance to returning troops at the rate of 100,000 a month, and a personnel increase of nearly 50 per cent in the 514 camps for able bodied troops alone. Mainly he said, assistance to returning forces will be concentrated at separation centers and redistribution centers, where needs for Red Cross services are expected to be greater during coming months than as sections quartering military personnel who have not yet been overseas.

"Red Cross staffs are available to all established separation centers" the chairman said. "They serve 22 army centers, 12 coast guard discharge centers, two main navy personnel redistribution centers and the discharge installations of the marine corps."

RECONVERSION TREND IN STATE INDICATED

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 6 — Commencement of industrial reconversion to civilian merchandising and the prospect of reduced federal taxes on corporations today were attributed by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan as the principal reasons for the increased number of corporation filings in California.

"It is significant big business is looking westward not only toward California's increased population but as the one important gateway to trans-Pacific trade during the post war era," Jordan declared. "It is also a strong indication business is gradually starting on its reconversion trend."

"The prospects of the federal government reducing the excess profits and the basic income taxes also are credited with the new influx of business to California."

Secretary of State Jordan disclosed that during July 330 new corporations qualified to do business in this state. This was the greatest number to be filed in the month of July since the pre war years of 1940.

The taxable corporations also increased with 244 being subject to tax as compared to 172 the same month a year ago.

Among the 34 foreign corporations qualfied was the six hundred million dollar Montana copper mining company, one of the largest out of state corporations ever granted permission to operate in California.

Southern California received 199 of the 296 new domestic corporations and 24 of the foreign corporations, or 67.6 per cent of the total July filings.

Graveside Services for Former Resident

Graveside services were held today under direction of the Holmes Funeral Home in Pine Grove Cemetery for Richard A. Huddleson, who died in Sacramento earlier in the week. Rev. David Ralston conducted the service.

The deceased was a graduate of the Nevada City schools and for many years he and his family lived on Coyote Street. He was the son of the late Thomas and Amelia Huddleson. The deceased was a native of Oregon aged 53 years.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder, as in dreams we see
The better world that is to be—
The happier world of peace and hope,
Of justice and of liberty,
If in our hearts are born anew
The bright ideals of our youth,
To light our way along the paths
Of love and constancy and truth.

Recently, a letter came to my desk, in which the writer expressed fear that many of those now working and planning for a better post war world, are selfishly thinking in terms of better equipment for farms and factories, time saving devices and costly furnishings for homes and offices, and greater facilities for luxurious travel and social pleasures.

This fear is, I feel sure, quite unfounded. Of course every forward movement has its coterie of selfishly greedy souls, whose eyes are avidly fixed upon the main chance; but the vast majority of world leaders, thinkers and earnest toilers, are aware that, "a new age is coming to birth." They are alive to its implications, its just demands and its golden opportunities for service. They have caught the vision of a world made new; not mystical and far away, but here and now. The rainbow of hope encircles the earth today; it lights the far horizons and shines against the darkest clouds.

It is but natural for us humans to wish for better things than we now possess; better homes, finer equipment for those homes, more time for study, thought and recreation and if they are available in the post war world, wise men and women will procure them and enjoy the opportunities for better living which their use will provide.

The desire for better personal effects and privileges leads on to a determination to secure better things for our communities, cities and towns. Better schools are in demand, when the tasks of war are ended—better play grounds and recreational centers, better roads and public buildings. The ancient Athenians pledged themselves to transmit to their decendants a beteer city ehan ehey had inherited from their worthy forebears, and from the time when our prehistoric ancestors set about to improve conditions in a world which was not entirely to their liking, men and women have desired for their children better living conditions and better educational advantages than they, themselves were ever privileged to enjoy.

Above all, the peoples of the present day world desire a world in which the horrors and indecencies of war no longer exist. A word of peace in which little children are not afraid and wherein the flower of youth is not asked to sacrifice hopes and plans—even life itself inorder to rectify the mistakes of older generations and the failures of all past centuries to rise above human stupidities and the gross sins of commission and omission.

The fashioning of a better world—a better home for all humanity, is the task of our present generations. The dream of the ages leads on. Peace on earth with good will among men, may become an accomplished reality. We can create a better world, if we have the vision and the will to do. —A. Merriam Conner.

NAVAL SCHOOL FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY

"Do the American people think that the Pacific Ocean is going to be important to the future of the United States? They cereainly do. The Navy thought so when it aried, failed to get the congress to fortify Guam.

"The Navy now wants to hold naval and air bases in the Pacific necessary to protect our security. The Post agrees with the Navy and enthusiastically supports a policy for maintenance of peace in the Pacific by strong naval and air force at strategic points.

"The Navy plans a post war expansion in personnel and facilities at Annapolis.

"The Post feels strongly that such a major expansion of educational facilities should be on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

"The great port of San Francisco is the natural gateway to and from the Pacific. It is the great railroad terminal of the Pacific Coast. It has a vast harbor and every kind of shipping facility. The Army is using it for its principal shipments of men and supplies at this very moment.

"Washington has always underrated the importance of the Pacific Coast. The Navy has sometimes shown a lack of imagination.

"Too slowly did it become air-minded, as this paper had occasion to point out more than two years ago. Let it not delay in becoming Pacific-minded. Let it have a naval academy on San Francisco Bay.

"Let half of our Navy boys get their training on the Pacific Coast. Perhaps better, let our Navy boys get half of their training on the Atlantic Coast and half of it be on the Pacific Coast.."—Washington Post.

CHURCHILL'S DEFEAT

Repudiation by his countrymen of the man who saved Britain from Nazi conquest—and by saving Britain probably saved America and the rest of the civilized world—is truly a world event in its portent.

It means, on the surface, that the English people, the most strongly individualistic people of the last four centuries, the people who have resented intrusion on private rights by their own government almost as fiercely as they have resented attempts at domination from abroad, have decided on an abrupt turn to the left. They have placed in power the party that has declared a goal of socialization of British industry, commerce and banking. Apparently, they have looker upon Russia and found Russia's way appealing.

Yet such categarical speculation must be hesitant at this time. Other factors, plainly, are involved. Churchill has staunchly stood for all out war on Japan—and many war-weary Britons have not gone with him on that. Churchill has stood (and this may be important) for the old imperialism—and much home thinking has been against him on that, particularly in the case of India. Churchill ordered armed interveneion in the Greek turmoil—and the protest at home was strong.

Whatever the whole truth of the situation may be, this event seems almost of as much significance to the rest of the world as it is to England and the British Commonwealth of Nations. Only time will make that significance clear.—Contributed.

THANK YOU, MR. BOWLES

So we're going through it again—line up to get ration books. Food ration book No. 5 and a new gasoline A book in December. Price Administrator Bowles says both books will but set up to last from 10 to 15 months, but adds:

"We hope that book 5 will be the last in the series of war time ration books, and that there will be plenty of stamps we won't have to use"—and his hopeful forecast goes also for the new gas book.

Well, Mr. Bowles, a whale of a lot of people have gotten sore at your outfit these tough war years—and with reason. The administration of rationing couldn't be easy; but there's been too much waste, public inconvenience and downright hardship, caused by incompetence and stupidity to be excused by most lenient critics. Yet for that cheerful thought that the end of rationing may be actually in sight, most Americans, who can get plenty mad but aren't of a nature to hold grudges, probably will thank you—and even reciprocate with the hope that you have a long life and die in peace.—Contributed.

EUROPEAN WAR END INCREASES COAST WAR WORK

The Twelfth Districe Federal Reserve Bank reports that the end of the European phase of the war is not expected to result in a rapid reconversion of Twelfth District industry to civilian production. Cutbacks of war contracts following the defeat of Germany have been generally smaller, except in aircraft, than originally expected. Employment in west coast aircraft and ship building plants is scheduled to decline further, but the transfer of the major war effort to the Pacific theatre is expected to increase the pressure upon other western industries, notably lumbering, petroleum production and refining, food production and processing, and upon transportation and warehousing facilities. Ship repair yards, faced with extraordinary demands for naval repairs, are experiencing an acute shortage of qualified skilled workers. Further cutbacks in war production are unrertain as to extent and eiming, hence no marked easing is expected in the near future in the market for labor or materials in most localities.

Some wartime production controls have been dropped and others are to be relaxed as the diminishing need for their continuance permits. Manpower conerols are to be relaxed for the time being, with increased emphasis on regional or local discretion n their application. The critical ship repair situation on the west coast has intensified eforts to shift badly needed metal workers and other craftsmen from less urgent jobs, blanket draft deferment for ship repair workers and other less drastic methods are currently being utilized to meet this sieuation. In general, however, the preoccupation of many plants with war work, together with continuing shortages of materials and manpower, makes the relaxing or maintenance of production controls of relatively little consequence so far as immediate reconversion to peace time operations is concerned.

Price controls and rationing are to be continued, the former as long as there is a serious threat of inflation, the latter as long as there are serious shortages of important consumers goods. The OPA has indicated that rethrn of most peare time products to the consumers market ae 1942 retail price levels as the goal to be sought in general, and expects high volume of production to make it possible to produce and sell many goods at these prices despite increased material rosts and higher wage rates; upward adjustments will of course have to be permitted in particular cases upon demonstration of actual need.

Wage controls are to be maintained both to combat inflation and to help assure an adequate labor supply to industries engaged in war production. There is growing discussion, however, of the desirability of certain increases in wage rates, particularly in minimum rates, as a partial offset to anticipated reductions in hours of work and other curtailments in earning power as and when the labor market changes from a condition of shortage to one of surplus.

Reconversion financing is likewise attracting attenton. Generous provisvision has been made by congress for settling cancelled war contracts, including guaranteed termination loans, which would ease the transition from war work to normal lines of output for individual producers. The number of war contractors who have taken advantage of the privilege of arranging for possible termination credit in advance is disappointingly small, however, and some concern has been expressed as to the ability of the banks to handle promptly all the applications that might reshlt from a shdden ending of the war.

The larger concerns are generally in good financial shape; the problem, however, of sound financing methods adapted to the needs of the small business enterprises promises to remain. A number of proposals, most of them involving some extensions of government assistance, have been advanced, but none of them promises to overcome entirely one of the handicaps under which small business must conduct its affairs, the relatively high cost of obtaining credit and capital.

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Nevada City Council Orders July Bills Paid

The Nevada City council ordered July bills paid as follows:

Sam Hooper $160, Geo. H. Calanan $20, T. J. Allen $180, Otis Hardt $160, J. J. Jackson $160, H. S. Hallett $195, Miles D. Coughlin $15, Emma Foley $12.50, Iva Williamson $70, Grace Himes $65, Nick Sandow 1$0, Louie Kelley $148, Chas Halstead $32.50, Ela Ducotey $23.96, Arthur D. Pepper $31.04, A. E. Wharff $84, Wm. M. Hallett $27, Doris Garwood $150, NID $609.44, PGD $172.80, Alpha Stores Ltd. $3-.13, Charles R. Hadley Co. $1.65, Radionic Radion Service $3.67, Reita D. Curnow $25, The Paint Shop 70c, Nevada City Nugget $45.50, Sacramento Electric Supply Co. $11.95, Sam Hooper $1.24, Nevada City G. V. Red Cross Nurse $33.33. —$2,-861.41.

City Treasurer's Report for July —Receipts: Balance in tareasury $8,-462.71. Water collections $1,683,-15. Business licenses $424. Delinquent taxes $59.90. Court fines $50. Taxes $104.40. Miscellaneous $16-.29, OPA toll cals $1.50. Compensation Ins(refund $85.23. Building permits $8. —$2,432.47 Total $10,-895.18.

Disbursements: Warrants paid on general fund $2,727.21. Warrants paid on fire fund $171.97. Warrants paid on library fund $162.20. —$3,-061.28.

Balance in treasury $7,833.80.

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A BELL *for* ADANO

By John Hersey

CHAPTER XVIII

Life in the p.w. cage was not very pleasant for Mayor Nasta. None of the men had blankets, and the nights were pretty cold, so they slept in close rows, keeping each other warm with their bodies. But no one would sleep next to the Fascist Pig. They said he had a peculiar smell. As a matter of fact, he did have a peculiar smell for several hours each morning; it came from being a mistake.

At last Mayor Nasta found a man who would talk with him. This was a German who spoke Italian.

Mayor Nasta told him that he was still Mayor of Adano, that he had been treacherously arrested by the Americans, that he was trying to do all he could to help the Germans win and that, in short, he was a pretty important person who ought to be helped. The Italian-speaking German told his friends all about Mayor Nasta, and they decided they ought to help him escape.

For a couple of days Mayor Nasta moved over and lived with the Germans. They made plans for the escape. There was nothing elaborate about the plans. They just decided to lift the Mayor up over the wall. They asked him if he had the courage to sit on barbed wire for a few minutes. He said yes, anything to escape. They asked him if he had the courage to jump down twelve feet on the other side. He said yes.

So in the middle of a dark, clouded night, the Germans made a pyramid of their bodies and let Mayor Nasta climb up it to the top of the wall. He sat on the barbed wire on top of the wall, quiet as a cat, until he was sure that the sentry outside had marched to the other end of his beat. Then he turned facing the wall, let himself down as far as he could, and let go. He hurt one knee a little; it hit the wall as he landed on the ground. But he was able to get up and run off silently.

The Top Sergeant at the p.w. cage called up Sergeant Borth at eighty-thirty the next morning and told him that Nasta had escaped.

Sergeant Borth borrowed Corporal Chuck Schultz and a jeep from the M.P.'s and went hunting. By this time Sergeant Borth had so many voluntary informers and informers-on-informers that the job of tracing Mayor Nasta was not too hard.

He soon found out that Mayor Nasta had been sheltered for a few hours in a house on Via Favemi. He had then left town by the Via Roma. He had stopped in at a farmer's house near the Casa Zambano to change into peasant dress. This was one of the easiest things to check, because the peasant turned up wearing Mayor Nasta's loud powder blue suit, which was dusty from several nights on the ground.

Mayor Nasta had then been seen at several points along the Vicinamare road. One farmer had given him a lift in his cart. Mayor Nasta had evidently had enough of the hills, and was trying now to get to Vicinamare, where friends would be able to hide him.

Sergeant Borth picked him up three miles short of Vicinamare, at about ten-thirty.

Jeeps had been passing Mayor Nasta all morning, so that he was not particularly alarmed when Sergeant Borth's jeep drove up alongside him, and even when it stopped, he waved crudely and shouted: "Good day, good day," in what he thought was a thick peasant accent.

Sergeant Borth mimicked the accent: "Good day, good day, farmer."

Mayor Nasta, who still did not recognize Borth, shouted again: "Good day."

Borth shouted: "Good day. You are the first farmer I have ever seen with pince-nez glasses on."

Then Mayor Nasta knew Borth. Mayor Nasta's spirit, which had been strained by the arrest and by the days in the cage and by the escape, suddenly broke. He turned and ran out across the fields, squealing crazily, just like a soldier who had broken under shellfire.

Sergeant Borth got out of the jeep and went out onto the fields. He did not hurry, because Mayor Nasta was running in circles, wishing to run away from himself more than anything else. By the time Sergeant Borth caught him, he was exhausted and limp, and his eyes were milky with fear.

As Borth half walked, half carried him to the jeep, Mayor Nasta jabbered and mouthed his fear. "If you are going to shoot me, tell me first. Don't shoot me in the back. Tell me if you are going to kill me. I want to know, I want to know . ."

Sergeant Borth slapped him sharply in the face, and for a few seconds he was silent.

But when he was seated in the jeep, and the jeep began to move, Mayor Nasta began again. "Don't shoot me in the back. I will do anything to be shot from the front, where I can see the gun. I will tell you everything I know. I can give you names. Don't do it from behind."

Borth said: "How can I shoot you from behind when I am in the front seat and you are in the back seat?"

But Mayor Nasta was not pleading rationally. "I will tell you secrets," he babbled. "'D'Arpa the vice mayor is a traitorous man, he is not to be trusted, watch out for him, but please do not shoot me in the back. Tell me first if you are going to kill me, tell me, tell me, I must know. Bellanca the Notary is not on our side, and he is strong with the people, watch out for him. You see, I can give you names. Do not shoot me in the back."

Borth knew that Mayor Nasta was dragging up accusations and suspicions out of the past, that he meant that these men were not to be trusted by the Fascists. His talk was crazy, for he was overcome with fear.

Therefore Borth gagged Mayor Nasta, and tied his hands behind his back, and let his milky eyes speak his terrors. At least his eyes were silent.

As the jeep passed the Cacopardo Sulphur Works on the way into town, Borth looked at his watch. It was just before twelve o'clock. Major Joppolo would be either at lunch or on his way there. So Borth told the driver to go to the Albergo dei Pescatori.

Since it was the noon hour, scores of people had drifted to the Doppo Lavoro clubs along the street near the Albergo dei Pescatori to listen to the radio and wait for lunch. When they saw Borth's jeep, with a man tied up in the back seat, they clustered around, and called for their friends. And when they saw that Borth's cargo was Mayor Nasta, and that after all these years the Mayor had a gag in his mouth, they cheered and laughed at the man.

These noises increased Mayor Nasta's terrors, and he kept twisting and trying to look behind him.

Borth went into the restaurant and found Major Joppolo and brought him out.

Major Joppolo held up his hand to silence the crowd. "I want to speak

He let himself down as far as he could and let go.

to Nasta," he said to Borth. "Can he hear me with that thing on his face?"

"Yeah," Borth said; "you've got the rare pleasure of being able to speak to Nasta and he can't talk back."

Major Joppolo said: "Nasta, you are a disgrace to your people. There is goodness in your people, but not in you, not a bit. The world has had enough of your kind of selfishness."

It was one of Major Joppolo's greatest attributes in his job that he could speak pompous sentences with a sincerity and passion so real that his Italian listeners were always moved by what he said. Now all the listeners except Nasta were moved by his words to shout: "Kill him! Kill him! Kill him!"

Here was one time when Major Joppolo's sincerity and passion bounced back on him, because the people's shouts frightened Mayor Nasta so badly that he fainted, and Major Joppolo was the first to see the ridiculousness of trying to spellbind an unconscious man.

There was nothing left to say except one sentence to Borth: "We'll have to send him to Africa."

And to the music of Adano's delighted cheers, Borth and his limp companion drove down the street.

There was no better index to the state of mind of Adano than the activities of the painter Lojacono. If one had made a graph of the spirits of the town and then put beside it a graph of the number of commissions Lojacono received, the two would have exactly corresponded. Whenever the town was optimistic, Lojacono worked. When the town was blue, Lojacono was idle.

Lojacono could paint anything. He could paint a house or he could paint a saint. He was the one who painted panels in the churches. He was the one who painted the fat and holy people on the fat Basile's two-wheeled cart.

The white-haired Lojacono suffered when he painted. First he suffered the pangs of creation, then he suffered when the people of Adano criticized his work. His work was beautiful and everyone in the town loved it, but for some reason they always criticized it first.

Major Joppolo had not been in Adano very long before Lojacono was busy. His first efforts were a little crude, because the town had been depressed, and his right hand idle, for so very long. But soon he warmed to the town's happiness, and he did things he had never been able to do in his life, which had not been short.

The same morning that the crowd stood around Borth's jeep in front of the Albergo dei Pescatori, another, smaller crowd stood on the Molo Ponente in the harbor and watched Lojacono work. He was painting new names and little figures on the bow surfaces of the fishing boats, and the crowd consisted of fishermen and their families.

Except for Lojacono's work, the boats were all ready to go. Their seams were calked, and they were tight as wine-bottles. The barnacles and the whiskers were off, and the bottoms had been given a little lead paint. The rigging was smart, for Major Joppolo had persuaded the Navy to give the fishermen some bright cable and some unsoaked hemp rope.

The fishermen were impatient to have Lojacono finish.

"Lojacono is talented but slow," said the fisherman named Agnello, on whose boat the painter was working just then.

The white haired painter said: "Would you rather have me quick and messy?"

One of Agnello's three helpers, Merendino, said: "It will have to be proved that you are not messy before we answer that."

Lojacono stopped working and looked at the fishermen standing there. He pointed at his work and said angrily: "Have you ever seen a porpoise less messy than that one?"

Agnello said: "The porpoise is not bad, but he will die of loneliness unless you hurry and give him some company. Porpoises like company, you know that, Lojacono. Have you ever seen a porpoise play alone?"

"He will have company," Lojacono said impatiently. "The Mister Major is going to be riding on his back. If you would be silent, I could get on with my work."

Merendino said: "Work then, old man, do not be so slow."

The old man went back to his work. Tomasino, sitting with his head in his hands on the afterdeck of his boat, which was moored next to Agnello's, said gloomily: "I cannot see the point of all this painting. It is frivolous. My boat has been named Tina since the girl was born. It will remain Tina. The leaves and the fruit which dangle from the name are good enough for me, even if they are not new."

Agnello shouted to Tomasino: "What is the matter with you, sour one, this morning? Cheer up, we are going fishing again."

"In the next century," said Tomasino glumly, "after all this painting is finished."

Lojacono stuck his head up over the side of Agnello's boat and shouted: "Be quiet, Tomasino, you know that the only reason you are so impatient is that you like what I did twenty years ago and you have no desire for anything new."

Tomasino said: "If I have to wait another day for the slow painter I will blot out the name Tina and the leaves and fruit with some lead paint I have, and I will go fishing alone in a nameless boat."

Lojacono started painting the Mister Major, and the little crowd came in closer to see the details. He resolved a difficult point by making the Major's hat rather big and by tilting it so that it covered most of his face. At least the hat was definitely American.

"His leg is too short. The leg of the Mister Major is longer," Agnello said.

"I was about to say that the leg is too long," Merendino said.

"In other words," Lojacono said, "the leg is precisely right."

"He does not have a hunch-back like that," said Sconzo, another of Agnello's helpers.

"He is bending forward because of the speed of the porpoise," Lojacono said.

"The color of his skin is too white," said the wife of Agnello. "His skin is more Italian-colored."

"You are dull," Lojacono said, "you do not see the symbolism of the white skin."

This is what the criticism was always like. And this shows the purpose of the criticism: it was not so much that the people did not like what Lojacono was doing, as they wanted to know exactly what was in his mind. In future, showing off his boat, Agnello would be able to say: "You can see how fast the porpoise is going by the way the Mister Major is leaning forward. And do you see how white his skin is? That is because of the symbolism in the Mister Major's skin."

In due course Lojacono finished his work, and everyone pronounced it quite good, although, one said, it would be hard for a porpoise to jump that high out of the water with a man on his back, and, another said, should not the name of the boat, which was now Americano, be a little lower? Lojacono attributed the former highness to good spirits and the latter highness to the way the name American had been raised in everyone's esteem by the Mister Major; and everyone went away satisfied.

The next morning the boats went out. Major Joppolo went down to the harbor to see them off, and the people in town were all excited at the prospect of eating fish.

The catch that day was excellent. When the boats were all in and the fish all weighed, it was estimated by Agnello that a total of three thousand two hundred pounds had been taken in. Better than that, the fish were mostly of good grades.

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NAVY GROWS VEGETABLES ON SAIPAN, GUAM

Hospitals on Guam, Tinian and Saipan are now receiving fresh vegetables produced on 1113 acres of island soil, and cultivated by navy enlisted men and native farmers, supervised by the foreign economic administration experts.

Or orders of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the Marianias Farming Project began last fall with the clearing of the first acres for the planting of domestic seeds. In addition to the acres now producing great quantities of corn, cabbage, radishes, cucumber, tomatoes, squash and egg plant, there are 729 acres now being planted and still more land to be cleared, with the ultimate total of 5070 acres to be under cultivation.

Superintendents on the farms, all experienced agriculturists in civilian life are Erick Lundholm of Salinas, at Guam, R. E. Burton of Santa Cruz at Tinian, and R. E. Biggs of Salinas at Saipan.

Although the bulk of the produce goes to the hospitals, men in the camps also enjoy the vegetables as well as the papaya, bananas and the pineapples, which are also being grown. In addition 19 tons of the produce have been shipped to Iwo Jima by air. Latest expansion of the project has been the installation of a dairy and hog farm on Guam, with two shiploads of livestock arriving from the United States.

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MARIO GENTILI, residing at 324 Adams, Nevada City, California;

GERARD VIGNAL, residing at Grass Valley, California, and whose address is Route 1, Box 443A;

We further certify that no other person has any interest in the said CENTRAL MOTOR COMPANY and that we are the sole owners of the business transacted under said name.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused these presents to be duly executed and have subscribed our names hereto at Grass Valley, California, on this 26th day of June, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Five.

GERARD VIGNAL,
MARIO GENTILI.

State of California, ss.
County of Nevada.

On this 26th day of June 1945, before me, C. C. Carveth, a Notary Public in and for said Nevada County, personally appeared Mario Gentili and Gerard Vignal, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same.

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OKINAWA (Delayed) — A Jap artillery team thought more of its stomachs than the defense of Naha, and forsaking its gun returned to find three Marines in charge, according to Staff Sgt. William Boniface, Marine Corps combat correspondent.

A Jap 47mm anti tank gun which had been pounding our lines all day to pin down the Third Battalion, First Marines, suddenly stopped barking late in the afternoon. Marines advanced without drawing fire.

The Leathernecks had been unable to distinguish the axact spot from which the "47" had been firing but they had worked the hill over with their big guns. Corp. Ray Fangul of San Leandro, Cal., and his squad went out to find the enemy field piece, or its remains.

The five Marines found the "47" undamaged and with a shell in the chamber, but no Japs were in sight. Fangul directed his men to dismantle the weapon. The work was well under way when chattering Jap voices were heard in a small clump of bushes not more than 25 qards away.

Apparently the Japs and Marines discovered each other's presence at the same time. The Japs drew bayonets—they had no other weapons—and charged the gun pit. They were easy picking for Fargul's tommy gun. The last Jap to fall went down only 10 yards from the corporal.

After dismantling the "47" and burying its barrel, Marines explored the Jap hideout, which had been clevely concealed in some waist-high brush. A tiny fire still burned and there were five small bowls, with portions of rice half eaten.

The Japs had taken time out for chow.

Witches Executed by Mexican Indian Tribes

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6—Witches are still executed among certain Mexican Indian tribes which have preserved large vestiges of their aboriginal and mission day culture, according to Dr. Ralph Beals, associate professor of anthropology on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

In the new bulletin of the Smithsonian Institution entitled. The Contemporary Culture of the Cahita Indians, Beals attributes to Mayo or Yawui tribes the following supersitions:

Mauy stars falling at night foretell a flood.

Bones of deer or other animals must not be given to dogs or cats or the hunter will lose his luck.

Eclipses of the sun cause sickness.

Witches may turn into red ants, snakes, or coyotes to visit houses secretely.

Whipping fruit trees makes them grow and bear fruit.

Relief Submarine Crews Trouble Shooters

AT AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE (Delayed)—July 6—Submarine "relief crews" are submariners who operate behind the scenes.

They've found aboard a submarine tender, mother ship to submersibles, or on an island base. Besides furnishing rotation crews, they perform submarine repair operations.

After a sub returns from an extended patrol, these men are the trouble shooters. Their task is to spot mechanical defects, install replacement parts, make adjustments, and tackle the hundreds of individual jobs necessary for a general reconditioning of a ship. These crews tear a sub's intricate insides apart and make necessary repairs within a two week span.

Always they are standing by for their own chance to reelieve incoming fatigued crews and make a patrol. Themselves veterans of the enemy deep or awaiting their first "run" these relief crews are ever conscious of their repair responsibility. The safety of those aboard as well as the success or failure of the ship's next mission depends to a large extent on the thoroughness of this "re-fit."

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DONALD M. MAYHEW

Donald M. Mayhew arrived at Camp Beale Monday July 30th after 18 months overseas with the 79th Service Squadron. He left Nevada City in August 1942 and received his training at Stinson Field, Texas. He was given an honorable discharge ae Camp Beale Wednesday morning and arrived in Nevada City that afternoon on Saturday he left for Willows to visit with his father.

Mrs. Claire White has received a government letter saying that the address of her husband, Pvt. Lloyd White will be Nevada City, after July 20th. He probably sailed from Northern Italy about July 22nd and his family are anxiously awaiting his arrival home.

Pfc. Spencer White is doing guard duty with the army of occupation near Rheims. France. He has earned two battle stars and a good conduct medal.

S/Sgt. James White is still in the Aleutians and says that his outfit is very busy and it does not look as if he would be home for quite some time. Mrs. Millie White of Clay street, is the mother of the three above servicemen.

John McCarthy, graduate of the Nevada City High School, whose family now reside in San Francisco, is with the Medical Corps of the 3rd Army. He recently sent his sister a Russian saber and some German fire arms and writes that he expects to be in Europe some time yet.

Dick Gregory, EM 2/c is on the USS Missouri which is very active in the Japanese area now. He writes that among the 2800 men on the ship he has met two Grass Valley boys. One is Bob Stine who attended high school there.

Ensign Carroll Connor, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tredennick who recently was graduated from the U. S. Maritime Academy at Alameda has reported to San Francisco for assignment to a ship in the Merchant Marine.

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Worthley who are in the service are now all home at the same time for the first time in 4 years. Sgt. R. V. Worthley was recently given an honorable discharge with a total of 115 points.

Sgt. Kenneth Worthley who has been with a troop carrier squadron in the European area has a 30 day furlough and Donald Worthley MM 1/c with the U. S. Navy has ten day leave.

Pfc. Warren C. Smith of the 10th Mountain Division which saw action in Northern Italy has written his wife, who resides with her parents in Grass Valley, that he expects to sail for home on August 2nd. He has a little five months old daughter that he has not yet seen.

Paratrooper Clement Henwood is now at Camp Lockett, which is a convaselcent army post 60 miles from San Diego. He writes thae his injured knee is showing definite improvement.

PERSONALS

Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Meyers have returned from San Francisco and are residing in Grass Valley. Sgt. Meyers is again on duty at Camp Beale after a three months assignment in the army photoghaphy department at San Francisco. Mrs. Meyer is the former Miss Joyce Henwood.

Miss Genevieve Ellis has gone to spenn a part of her school vacation with her friend Margaret Berry who now resides in Vallejo.

Mrs. Allen Joyner of the Bon Allure in Grass Valley is enjoying a week's vacation at her home here.

BIRTH

DAY—In Nevada City, Nevada County, August 2, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day of Auburn, Placer County, a son.

BLOOD DONOR AND RECOVERED VETERAN MEET

It's a rare occurence when a soldier meets the person whose blood saved his life on the battlefield, but Staff Sgt. George T. Bruce of Eastgulf, W. Va., is willing to bet he's the first in the army to enjoy that privilege.

When the 19 year old veteran of Attu, Kwajalein and Leyte arrived at Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, Calif., his first request was to meet Mrs. Hazel H. Otto. He had no address but in his hand was clutched a tag from the whole blood container handed him by an army doctor in a field hospital in the Philippines.

"It was this woman's blood that saved your life son," the doctor had said. Type O whole blood, it had been flown from the Unieed States a few hours before Sgt. Bruce was hit by enemy fire.

Sgt. Bruce remembered being trapped by the Japs while on patrol duty, covering the withdrawal with two others of his squad, and then the sting as 15 slugs hit his left leg. When he regained consciousness in a nearby field hospital, the leg had been amputated.

Sgt. Bruce had only a few hours in California while awaiting transportation to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. Phone directories failed to reveal the address of Mrs. Otto. But somehow, after a needle in the haystack search, she was located in nearby Alhambra. Though late at night she hurried to the hospital for Sgt. Bruce was to leave the following morning.

Business License Fees May be Upped

A delegation from the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce asked the city council at Thursday night's meeting for the installation of public drinking fountains.

The council promised to have one already installed at the Plaza repaired for use, and consider purchase of others for the business secrets when such appliances are on sale.

Chamber delegates were Harlow Wood, A. M. Holmes and Charles Veale.

The council will conduct a public hearing August 13th to consider raising the quarterly license fees of business houses to cover the cost of keeping streets in the business district clean.

First of Season Pears Send to Packing House

Joel Bierwagen, orchardist and fruit shipper of Chicago Park Friday sent the first consignment of Bartlett pears to Colfax, for packing and shipping.

The first pears harvested are usually from the Hartung Ranch in Pleasant Valley. Full picking crews will go to work on the county's pear orchards today. The Colfax Fruit Growers Company expect to reach peak shipments of around 15 carloads of fruit daily August 15th.

NEW COURTHOUSE JANITOR

The county supervisors have named William Treglown janitor of the court house filling the vacancy caused by the death of Dennis Coughlan.

Treglown took over the janitor's duties during the illness of Coughlan.

Roger Bacon, English friar, philosopher and scientist in the 13th century predicted that man would design a flying machine.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Pay-Cut

Last year at this time I enjoyed the acquaintance of a business man whose salary was $50,000 a year. I looked upon him with a great deal of admiration and respect for several reasons. He earned what he has with hard work and know-how. His employees, numbering above ten thousand, call him Uncle Frank. He lives in a small town and helps a lot of people in a quiet way.

Last week somebody showed me a page of a pocket-size magazine published for the employees of his company and I read with grave interest that his pay had been cut. That was news by anybody's standard; most people are getting raises in pay these days. What's more, this man's pay-cut is big. It amounts to more in a year than most men manage to accumulate in a whole lifetime.

His Own Words

"I insisted that the board of directors reduce my annual salary from $50,000 to one dollar," the signed statement said, "I have not been receiving net anywhere near $50,000 a year for working. . . . Only $309.36 was left for my use out of my 1944 wages. . . . Why should I permit the company to pay out $50,000 a year to benefit me by only $309.36?"

Let me make haste to say that I am not sorry for Uncle Frank. He will be all right; he has some other money. I am not worried about his employees either. The faithful workers among them will be able to retire in dignified comfort. My only concern is over men who, next year or the next, may hunt jobs and not find them; jobs Uncle Frank would like to offer but can't.

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Here is another enlightening passage from his statement: "Perhaps you wonder why my net realization from wages has been so small. The answer lies in the extremely high income tax rates which apply to my wages, added as they are to my other income, and to the fact that I must pay not only federal income taxes but also state income taxes."

This man is not the only big-company official in the country who has cut a lordly income to less than 10 cents a month. Why do they do it? Because their big salaries benefit them so little and cost their firms so much. My young friend who started last fall to work his way through college, running a steam dishwasher four hours a day, realized more net from his salary than this $50,000 executive.

Who Is Injured?

Men who cut off big salaries have other income. That's why their tax rates are so high. That's why they can afford to spurn a salary. But if they must decline the proceeds of their own invested earnings, one thing is sure: They will not invest further earnings to start new ventures or expand old ones. Investments in business are not safe, never have been. Any investment is a risk.

Men with money invest it only when they believe, to the best of their judgment, that it will pay reasonable returns. Now they are sure of only one thing: Nearly everything an investment earns will be taxed away from them. Will they invest in new enterprises? No. Then where will our returning service men find work? Unless present tax laws are changed soon, they will find it on a huge W. P. A. to the disgrace of our free America.

OKINAWA HORSES HELP YANKS WIN

OKINAWA (Delayed)—The frisky horses of Okinawa which early in the campaign for this island so bedeviled Marines that the equines got themselves neatly fenced in have come into their own at last.

Rain did it—a one week downpour that turned the terrain into a quagmire, bogging down motorized equipment on "bottomless" mud roads.

It all happened this way, reports Staff Sgt. William Boniface, Marine Corps combat correspondent.

When Marines invaded the northern section of this important airport island, they found more than Japs prowling the countryside. The Okinawa horses turned loose by their owners, were rnnning wild.

At night camp areas would be startled by the sudden flashes of trip flares placed by security watches. Horses.

Staring into the darkness grim sentries began to hear things. Horses.

And in the daytime, the fast moving Marine invaders would run into strange road blocks. Herds of horses.

Finally enough was enough. The horses were rounded up and fenced in on the Katchin Peninsula.

Then came the rain, and with it, a serious food and ammunition shortage. Because of the mud, motor vehicles could get no closer than two miles from Shuri Castle. Only a trickle of supplies could be carried in afoot to troops of the First Marine Division.

Free Farmers Market to be Established

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors has authorized the establishment of a free farmers market near the junction of the Grass Valley-Nevada City Highway and Lake Olympia Road.

The project has been fostered by the Nevada City and Grass Valley Chambers of Commerce. A delegation headed by William Durbrow presented the plan to the board.

Plans call for the immediate erection of market stalls and installation of water and sanitary facilities. A small fee is to be charged to cover maintenance costs and salary for a market master. The market is expected to be open one or two days a week.

The committee chosen to administer the market consists of David Lamson, chairman, Wesley B. Donenwirth, William Durbrow, George Raddue, William Argall, Larry Forrell, H. S. Foreman, A. M. Holmes, Cedric Porter, William Wasley, Harry H. Hyatt, Leonard Lageson and William O. Hill.

Rifle, Rod and Gun Club to Work on Lodge

The Grass Valley Rifle, Rod and Gun Club has set Sunday August 19, as the day when all members will work on Fuller Lake lodge and the grounds belonging to the organization.

Drainage ditches in preparation for the winter season will be cleaned and the upstairs portion of the lodge made ready for week end stays of members while hunting and fishing.

Only three mountain lions have been reported killed in Alpine county in the past thirty eight years.

There is a large area of petroglyphs on the mesa north of Bishop in Owens Valley.

Wage Earners in State Drop 7.7 Pct. in 1944

California manufacturing employed an average of 824,000 persons in actual production work during 1944, with a payroll of $2,204,800,000, the California State Chamber of Commerce announced today. The statewide civic organization's research department based its compilations on statistics of the California Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement.

The annual average employment for 1944 is an increase of 198.4 per cent in personnel and 502.4 per cent in payroll over 1939. However, average number of employees and payroll last year were under the 1943 figures. The number of wage earners was down 7.7 per cent, and the pay roll 1.8 per cent.

Not included in the above figures are 237,400 executive, professional, technical and clerical workers in California's manufacturing industries. This classification of manufacturing personnel increased 4.1 per cent over the 1943 annual employment average and 126.7 per cent over 1939.

Schools Acquire Two Welding Machines

Grass Valley and Nevada City have each acquired a welding machine for the handicraft departments of the high schools.

The welders were released by the government from used machinery stocks, at a third of their original cost of $900 each.

Gilbert Tennis, superintendent of Grass Valley schools, Miles Coughlin, clerk of the Nevada City school board, and Lloyd Geist, vice principal of the Nevada City Elementary School took delivery of the machines in Marysville.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Pete Jr. Gets His Tenth Jap Plane!

Pete Swanson's son, Pete Jr., brought his tenth Jap plane down last week, and his dad couldn't help bragging.

But I got to thinking about Pete Senior: how he hadn't missed a day at the war plant since the war began; how he'd worked overtime and Saturdays and Sundays; how he'd kept himself in shape, been temperate and sensible, so that he'd be at work clear-headed, bright and early every morning.

So, when he invited us over after work to drink a toast to his son in a sparkling glass of beer—I couldn't help toasting Pete Senior, too.

From where I sit, there's more than one kind of "ace" that's helping win this war... men like Pete Senior, too. And when the war is over, and the monuments are erected to its heroes, I hope they don't forget the workman on the home front—the man who stuck to his job like a soldier to his guns, until the Victory.

Joe Marsh

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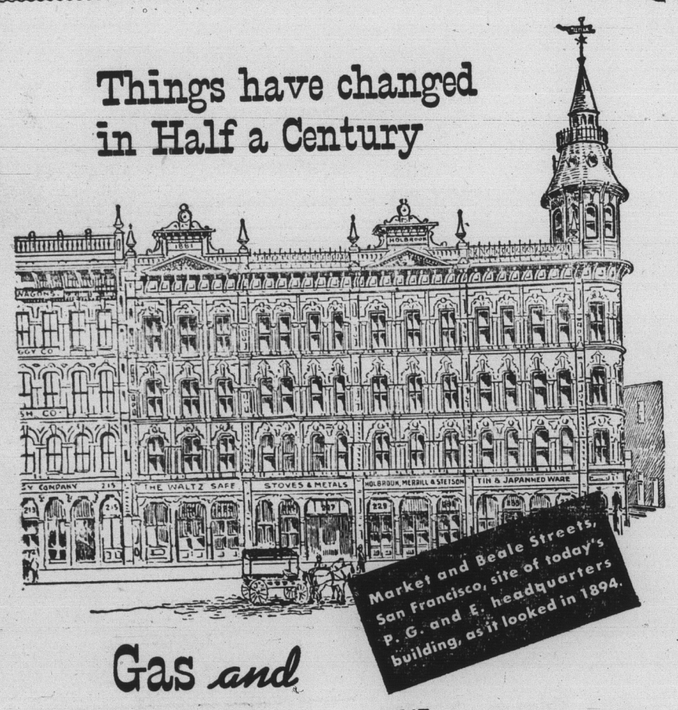
Things have changed in Half a Century



Gas *and* Electricity *are* Cheaper, *too*

	1894	1945
GAS	$18.40	$2.59
ELECTRICITY	$13.49	$2.28

One Month's Bill for Present Average Use

FIFTY YFARS AGO the corner of Market and Beale Street, where the 17-story P. G. and E. General Office Building now stands, was occupied by the Holbrook Building, built in 1881.

Market Street was paved with cobblestones over which horse-drawn trucks and cabs rattled and rumbled. Cable cars clanged their way down the center of the street. The little Sutter Street trailer car, hauled by a team of half-broken horses, jogged down to the ferry building on the outside track. Those were the horse and buggy days.

Most of San Francisco's streets and homes were lighted with gas. Coal and wood were in general use for heating and cooking. Electricity was used in few homes and only for lighting. Modern appliances—automatic refrigerators, electric toasters, roasters, irons, washers and other electric wonder-workers of today were unknown.

In 1894 both gas and electric services were expensive luxuries compared to the low rates charged today as shown by these typical bills:

	1894	1945
GAS 4,600 cubic feet, the average monthly domestic consumption in San Francisco today	$18.40	$2.59
ELECTRICITY 71 kilowatt hours, present monthly average for domestic use	$13.49	$2.28

The "good old days" were not all good. Half a century of progress has brought countless advantages to the people of this generation, not the least of which are cheap, dependable electric and natural gas service, and a great variety of convenient, efficient labor and time-saving appliances.

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